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SUBJECT: RABIN ON JORDAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS

1. SUMMARY: PRIMIN RABIN, SPEAKING TO ISRAELI NAHAL YOUTH GROUP AUG 19, STATED THAT ISRAEL HAD COMPLETED THE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS FOR DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS AND THAT THE NEXT STAGE WOULD BE EFFORTS TOWARD ACHIEVEMENT OF SUBSTANTIVE PEACE AGREEMENTS. RABIN'S SPEECH UNDERSCORED ISRAELI UNHAPPINESS WITH REFERENCE TO DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES IN US-JORDAN AUG 18 JOINT COMMUNIQUE. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLIWING IS EMB TRANSLATION OF EXCERPTS FROM RABIN'S AUG 19 SPEECH AS REPORTED BY YEDIOT AHARONOT AUG 20 (OFFICIAL TEXT NOT AVAILABLE): BEGIN TEXT. SOMEHOW IT WAS DECIDED TO REFER TO THE MATTER OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE AT THE CONCLUSION OF KING HUSSEIN'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON. ENOUGH. SUCH AGREEMENTS WERE SIGNED BY ISRAEL WITH EGYPT AND SYRIA. THERE ARE NO MORE DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS. THE NEXT STAGE IS PROGRESS TOWARD SUBSTANTIVE
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PEACE AGREEMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE THAT

PEACE WHICH WILL PROVIDE US WITH SECURITY... THE PEACE WHICH ARAB LEADERS SPEAK ABOUT IN THE U.S. IS NOT THE (KIND OF) PEACE TO WHICH WE ARE PREPARED TO AGREE. END TEXT.

3.COMMENT: RABIN'S SPEECH RE-ASSERTS ISRAEL'S WELL-KNOWN OBJECTION TO ENTERING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN ON THE BASIS OF A DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES. WHATEVER MAY BE HIS PRIVATE VIEWS ON SIGNIFICANCE OF US-JORDANIAN AUG 18 COMMUNIQUE, RABIN'S SPEECH HAS STRENGTHENED PUBLIC IMPRESSION THAT GOI A) WAS TAKEN BY SURPRISE, B) IS DISPLEASED AND CONCERNED,AND C) VIEWS LATEST DEVELOPMENT AS NEW OBSTACLE TO STARTING NEGOTIATIONS WITH JORDAN.

4.MYRESS HAS COMMENTED IN LAST FEW DAYS ON GOI'S REPORTED UNWILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE AN INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH JORDAN SINCE THIS WOULD TRIGGER ELECTION AT RELATIVELY EARLY DATE WHICH RABIN AND HIS ASSOCIATES WANT TO AVOID. RABIN IS SAID TO BELIEVE THAT IN SUCH AN ELECTION HE WOULD BE VULNERABLE TO OPPOSITION CHARGES THAT GOVT WAS ACCEDING TO US PRESSURES WITHOUT RECEIVING MEANINGFUL QUID-PRO-QUO OF KNOWING WHAT WOULD BE CONTENT OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. RABIN, AS SEEN BY POLITICAL COMMENTATORS, WANTS TO GO TO ELECTORATE ONLY ON BASIS OF OVERALL, FINAL PEACE SETTLEMENT WITH JORDAN-- A VIEW CONFIRMED BY HIS AUG 19 REFERENCE TO SUBSTANTIVE PEACE AGREEMENTS. KEATING

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